

# DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION (Foreign Agent Involved)

Docket Number: \_\_\_\_\_

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

" Vehicle Lifting Platform ", the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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| Prior Foreign Application(s) |           |                        | Priority Claimed  |
| 200 15 061.8                 | Germany   | 31 August 2000         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| (Number)                     | (Country) | (Day/Month/Year Filed) |   |
| _____                        | _____     | _____                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No            |
| (Number)                     | (Country) | (Day/Month/Year Filed) |   |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorney or agent named herein to accept and follow instructions from J. Siegfried as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney or agent and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorney or agent named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Lawrence A. Maxham, Reg. #24,483. Address all telephone calls to Lawrence A. Maxham at (619) 233-9004, Fax (619) 544-1246 and address all correspondence to Lawrence A. Maxham, THE MAXHAM FIRM, 750 "B" Street, Suite 3100, San Diego, California 92101.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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